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It is something of a task to provide southern army crossing the river from for these strangers materially, but Virginia to support this move, if necthe two english-speaking nations of essary. At that time the secession elethe continent are doing it,"and where ment controlled nearly two-thirds of that the breechloader came into genproper distribution of the new arriv- both houses. It was because of this eral-use. The Springfield rifle was the als takes place, they are doing it report that many of the secession favorite. The north imported many prisoners. In this action seventeen well. Even in the congested districts members were arrested. On Sept. 18 rifles, most of which had to be thrown | Union men were killed and forty Conof the great cities there has been no the Union members refused to meet on the junk heap. The Enfield was a federates. serious lack of employment in recent and departed for their homes, thus better gun than many of these foreign years, and nothing bordering upon abject poverty among those willing and able to work. Generally speaking, the industries of the United States and Canada have absorbed the immigrants as imminent. Two of McClellan's letas fast as they have arrived.

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# The War Fifty Years Ago

Washington Finally Guarded Effectually by Strong Defenses Against Confederate Attack --- Secessionist Members of Maryland Legislature Arrested---Union Armies Now Number More Than 300,000 Men. Uniforms on Both Sides Still Confusing---Old Muzzle Loaders In Universal Use--- "Dixie" Song Becoming Popular --- Only Minor Engagements During Week Ending September, 1861.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON. tion, 1911.]

URING the last half of Sen tember, 1861, there were still wild reports in the northern newspapers that the Confederates intended to attack Washington. The current dispatches had it that the southern army in the vicinity of Manassas was nearly 200,000 strong, a grossly exaggerated report, and that it designed either to assault the capisecessionists to take the state out of off from the north.

There was just enough color of probability about these stories to alarm the Union states. Before the end of September both ghosts were effectual-

loyalists. It was at about this time

Tribune reported a direct attack on

ful examination he stated that the Union people did not realize the strength

of the chain of forts about the capi-

tal. He surmised that the Confeder-

these defenses, however, and for that

reason they would never attack. He

also came to the conclusion that the

army at Manassas was not intended

to take the offensive. It was there

to defend the road to Richmond. The

most it hoped to do was to provoke

an attack, not to make one. We now

know that this surmise was true only

reassure the north. Color was lent

Arrest of Maryland Legislators.

tack on Washington, a fear for which

there had never been any considerable

and pass an ordinance of secession, the

practically ending the session.

these moves and regarded the danger

General McClellan was active in all sive use in the north

Thus ended the fear of a direct at-

the Federals.

said nothing, merely looked at him (Copyright by American Press Associa. and bowed. He tried to avoid me when we left, but I walked square up to him, looked him in the eye, extended my hand and said, 'Good morning, General Scott.' He had to take my hand, and so we parted. As he threw down the glove and I took it up, presume that war is declared. So be it. I have one strong point-that I do not care one lota for my present position." In another letter McClellan said: "You have no idea how the men tal or to invade Maryland, assist the brighten up now when I go among them. I can see every eve glisten the Union and thus cut Washington | Yesterday they nearly pulled me to pieces in one regiment. You never heard such velling."

### The Greatest American Army.

It was, estimated at this time that ly laid, however, and never afterward | there were more than 300,000 men in

FORT CORCORAN, FROM A WARTIME PHOTOGRAPH OF ONE OF THE MANY DEFENSES OF WASH-INGTON BUILT DURING THE SUMMER OF 1801 UNDER DIRECTION OF GENERAL M'CLELLAN

WHEN HE FEARED THAT GENERAL BEAUREGARD WAS ABOUT TO ATTACK THE CAPITAL

returned to haunt the dreams of the the northern armies, and nearly one in New Orleans. This was not the

third of these were in the Army of the

largest, best drilled and most impos-

to that time on American soil. No won-

der McClellan was proud of these men

and they of him. On Sept. 24 the gen-

eral, accompanied by President Lin-

lery of the Army of the Potomac. The

growth of these two arms of the serv-

Even as late as September the uni-

forms of the soldiers on both sides

were variegated. The zouaves-and

there were regiments of these in both

armies-had one kind of sniform, the

regular army another, and there were

variations among the volunteers from

the several states, each state furnish-

Army of the Potomac had done some-

thing to correct the trouble, but there

On the southern side the variety of

dress was even greater than with the

north. While the Confederate con-

gress had prescribed gray, the troops

procured whatever garb they could.

Early in the war many of the southern

officers who had previously belonged

to the regular army wore their old

uniforms. At Bull Run several Con-

federate regiments were in civilian

dress. Gradually, however, the matter

of uniform was corrected, until the

Union blue and Confederate gray or

The Vogue of the Ramrod.

ning of the war were chiefly muzzle

londing. It was not till near the end

makes, however, and came into exten-

ters at this time are of interest. On | tridges, which were not made of brass, | lier-Union losses, three killed and ten

"He (the president) sent a carriage | into a sort of knot at the powder end. | killed. The next day at Chapmansville.

for me to meet him and the cabinet at | This knot had to be bitten off by the also in western Virginia, was another

General Scott's office. Before we got soldier, who needed good front teeth slight action, resulting in a Union vie-

through the general 'raised a row with The powder was then poured into the tory, the Federals losing only four kill-

me.' I kept cool. In the course of the gun and the ball rammed down. Using ed and nine wounded, while their op-

conversation he very strongly intimat- this slow method the men were sup- ponents lost thirty killed, fifty wound-

ed that we were no longer friends. I posed to load and fire about three times ed and forty-seven prisoners.

The arms on both sides in the begin-

was still danger of confusion.

ice was a revelation to the country.

that a correspondent of the New York | Potomac, which had now become the

Washington impossible. After a care- ing body of troops ever assembled up

ate commanders had a good idea of coln. reviewed the cavalry and artil-

a minute. The use of the ramrod occasioned many wounded hands and sleeveless arms. While it was possible to conceal the body behind low breastworks, the ramrod hand had to be extended, an easy target for the sharpshooters in the opposing army. Jefferson Davis once said that the habitual use of firearms by the men of the south made up for their lack of military training and rendered them superior to the northern troops at the beginning of the war. The western soldiers were also familiar with the rifle and shotgun, which may have had something to do with the early suc cesses of the western armies. Origin of "Dixie."

Despite the hardships, exposure, insufficient food and clothing, long marches, hard labor in digging trenches and throwing up defenses and the dauger to life and limb, the soldier's life had its bright side. Life in the open, comradeship and adventure were his, and if the food was scarce and hard to chew it was relished with an appetite equal to masticating and digesting anything less formidable than leather or sheet from

Oue of the beguilements of the camp and march was singing. I have already told of the northern songs, also of "Maryland." "Dixie" was just now coming into its greatest vogue. Strange as it may seem, "Dixie" was written by a northern man, Daniel Decatur. Emmett, and early in the war was used in the north aimost as much as in the south. It was a favorite with President Lincoln. "Dixie" was a minstrel song, first sung in New York in 1859. At the very beginning of the war it was featured in a play

time the city was in a fever of ad-

miration for her famous zenave regi-

ment, the "tigers," and at the psycho-

logical moment in the play several

men in the zouave costume marched

on the stage led by a woman singing

"Dixie." When she came to the line

"I wish I was in Dixie, hooray, hoo-

ray!" the crowd went wild. The piece

was encored seven times. The next

day it was being sung and played all

over New Orleans and spread like

Minor Engagements.

Aside from the siege of Lexington,

there were no important engagements

in the closing days of September. At

Blue Mills Landing, on the Mississippi.

the First Iowa was attacked on the

17th by a force of 4,000 Confederates.

The Union men retired in good order

and, on being re-enforced during the

night, made ready to renew the fight

in the morning, but the foe in turn had

withdrawn. The Union loss was five

killed, eighty-four wounded and six

missing; Confederate loss unknown.

On the same day 400 Confederates

were defeated by 600 Federals at

Mariatown, Mo., the southerners losing

100 horses and most of their tents and

supplies, also seven killed. The Union

men had only three killed, but among

Perhaps the most important action

of this period, second to Lexington,

was that at Papinsville, Mo., where

General Lane surprised a considerable

force of Confederates and defeated

them after a stiff fight, capturing their

tents, wagons and supplies, also 100

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